

TABLE VII
PERCENTAGE EVALUATION FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENT
(DIAGNOSTIC CODE 6100)

Better Ear	Poorer Ear											
	XI	100*										
	X	90	80									
	IX	80	70	60								
	VIII	70	60	50	50							
	VII	60	60	50	40	40						
	VI	50	50	40	40	30	30					
	V	40	40	40	30	30	20	20				
	IV	30	30	30	20	20	20	10	10			
	III	20	20	20	20	20	10	10	10	0		
	II	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	
	I	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	XI	X	IX	VIII	VII	VI	V	IV	III	II	I	

* Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation under §3.350 of this chapter.

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§ 4.86 Exceptional patterns of hearing impairment.

(a) When the puretone threshold at each of the four specified frequencies (1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hertz) is 55 decibels or more, the rating specialist will determine the Roman numeral designation for hearing impairment from either Table VI or Table VIa, whichever results in the higher numeral. Each ear will be evaluated separately.

(b) When the puretone threshold is 30 decibels or less at 1000 Hertz, and 70 decibels or more at 2000 Hertz, the rating specialist will determine the Roman numeral designation for hearing impairment from either Table VI or Table VIa,

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whichever results in the higher numeral. That numeral will then be elevated to the next higher Roman numeral. Each ear will be evaluated separately.

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§ 4.87 Schedule of ratings—ear.

DISEASES OF THE EAR		DISEASES OF THE EAR—Continued	
	Rat- ing		Rat- ing
6200 Chronic suppurative otitis media, mastoiditis, or cholesteatoma (or any combination): During suppuration, or with aural polyps	10	Deformity of one, with loss of one-third or more of the substance	10
NOTE: Evaluate hearing impairment, and complications such as labyrinthitis, tinnitus, facial nerve paralysis, or bone loss of skull, separately.		6208 Malignant neoplasm of the ear (other than skin only)	100
6201 Chronic nonsuppurative otitis media with effusion (serous otitis media): Rate hearing impairment		NOTE: A rating of 100 percent shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation treatment, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedure. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based on that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.	
6202 Otosclerosis: Rate hearing impairment		6209 Benign neoplasms of the ear (other than skin only): Rate on impairment of function.	
6204 Peripheral vestibular disorders: Dizziness and occasional staggering	30	6210 Chronic otitis externa: Swelling, dry and scaly or serous discharge, and itching requiring frequent and prolonged treatment	10
Occasional dizziness	10	6211 Tympanic membrane, perforation of	0
NOTE: Objective findings supporting the diagnosis of vestibular disequilibrium are required before a compensable evaluation can be assigned under this code. Hearing impairment or suppuration shall be separately rated and combined.		6260 Tinnitus, recurrent	10
6205 Meniere's syndrome (endolymphatic hydrops): Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring more than once weekly, with or without tinnitus	100	NOTE (1): A separate evaluation for tinnitus may be combined with an evaluation under diagnostic codes 6100, 6200, 6204, or other diagnostic code, except when tinnitus supports an evaluation under one of those diagnostic codes.	
Hearing impairment with attacks of vertigo and cerebellar gait occurring from one to four times a month, with or without tinnitus	60	NOTE (2): Assign only a single evaluation for recurrent tinnitus, whether the sound is perceived in one ear, both ears, or in the head.	
Hearing impairment with vertigo less than once a month, with or without tinnitus	30	NOTE (3): Do not evaluate objective tinnitus (in which the sound is audible to other people and has a definable cause that may or may not be pathologic) under this diagnostic code, but evaluate it as part of any underlying condition causing it.	
NOTE: Evaluate Meniere's syndrome either under these criteria or by separately evaluating vertigo (as a peripheral vestibular disorder), hearing impairment, and tinnitus, whichever method results in a higher overall evaluation. But do not combine an evaluation for hearing impairment, tinnitus, or vertigo with an evaluation under diagnostic code 6205.			
6207 Loss of auricle: Complete loss of both	50		
Complete loss of one	30		

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§ 4.87a Schedule of ratings—other sense organs.

	Rat- ing		Rat- ing
6275 Sense of smell, complete loss	10	NOTE: Evaluation will be assigned under diagnostic codes 6275 or 6276 only if there is an anatomical or pathological basis for the condition.	
6276 Sense of taste, complete loss	10		